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MATTERS

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1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ, AMBASSADOR LEONARD, USUN OFFICER
JONES, AND EUR/SE DIRECTOR EWING, MET WITH U.N. UNDER
SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART AND SECRETARY OFFICER SHERRY
AUGUST 3 TO DISCUSS VAROSHA AND OTHER CYPRUS MATTERS.

2. NIMETZ SAID THAT NOW THAT CONGRESSIONAL VOTES ON
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TURKISH EMBARGO HAD OCCURRED, USG HAD CLEAR OBLIGATION TO
WORK ACTIVELY ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE THOUGHT DECISION ON
EMBARGO HAD CLEARED AIR. WE WERE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PUSH
FOR EARLY CYPRUS PROGRESS OR AT LEAST A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION
OF GOOD FAITH ON THE PART-OF ONE OR BOTH PARTIES. URQUHART
SAID HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED THAT TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOS
HAD RECEIVED EMBARGO VOTE IN RELATIVELY LOW-KEY WAY AND HAD

REFRAINED FROM GLOATING. NIMETZ NOTED THAT GOG HAD EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS BUT NOT OUTRAGE. URQUHART EXPRESSED VIEW THAT KYPRIANOU WAS MAJOR PROBLEM NOTING MANNER IN WHICH HE HAD MANAGED TO ANNOY VIRTUALLY EVERYONE IN RECENT WEEKS.

3. URQUHART REVIEWED CONVERSATIONS WHICH GALINDO-POHL HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW YORK TO HAVE WITH BOTH DENKTASH AND KYPRIANOU (REFTEL) RE VAROSHA PROPOSALS. URQUHART STRESSED THAT GALINDO-POHL WOULD PARTICULARLY MAKE POINT TO DENKTASH THAT IT WAS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE CONSIDER POSSIBLE RE-EXPULSION OF RESETTLED GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM VAROSHA IF TALKS DID NOT GO WELL. WITH KYPRIANOU, GALINDO-POHL STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF NOT MISSING PROMISING OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING RE VAROSHA AND HAD URGED THAT GOC MAKE EFFORT DEVELOP FURTHER COUNTERPROPOSALS. HOWEVER, KYPRIANOU WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNATIONALIZING CYPRUS QUESTION INTER ALIA THROUGH SPECIAL U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

4. NIMETZ SAID THAT WE THOUGHT TURKISH SIDE WOULD BE NO LESS FLEXIBLE ON CYPRUS NOW THAT EMBARGO WAS LIFTED. USG PLANNED TO CONTINUE TO PRESS GOT TO SHOW SUCH FLEXIBILITY. MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF AUG. 7 TO DISCUSS RANGE OF BILATERAL AND OTHER ISSUES AND CYPRUS WOULD BE ONE TOPIC DISCUSSED. NIMETZ SAID WE WERE WORKING NOW ON OUR POST-EMBARGO CYPRUS STRATEGY AND WOULD
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WELCOME U.N. VIEWS. IN PARTICULAR, WE WONDERED WHETHER MOST PRODUCTIVE COURSE WOULD BE FOR US TO WORK ON SOMETHING PRACTICAL LIKE VAROSHA OR ENCOURAGE RESUMPTION INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. NIMETZ RECALLED THAT BOTH OWEN AND SECRETARY VANCE HAD MENTIONED TO SYG WALDHEIM THAT FIVE WESTERN COUNTRIES (UK, FRANCE, FRG, CANADA, US) PLANNED TO WORK TOGETHER ALSO. NIMETZ NOTED THAT THE FIVE COUNTRIES ALL HAD DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND STAKES IN CYPRUS QUESTION BUT ALL WANTED TO BE HELPFUL. WE FELT THAT FOR TIME BEING ANY FIVE-POWER EFFORT SHOULD BE GIVEN NO PUBLICITY. URQUHART RECOGNIZED THAT FIVE COULD PERHAPS MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION AT LEAST THROUGH MORE SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, BUT ASSUMED WE WOULD PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY TO EXPLORE WHAT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE.

5. URQUHART SAID THAT WALDHEIM THOUGHT THAT VAROSHA WAS WORTH WORKING FURTHER ON, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT A COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT THROUGH FULL-SCALE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WAS NOT IN THE CARDS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BUT PERHAPS TALKS ON VAROSHA INVOLVING REPS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES COULD LEAD TO CONSIDERATION OF OTHER PRACTICAL STEPS SUCH AS IMPLEMENTING

THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT TO REOPEN NICOSIA AIRPORT. IF SUCH A PROCESS COULD GET INTO MOTION IT MIGHT EVEN BE FEASIBLE TO MOVE TOWARD AN OPEN AGENDA APPROACH TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT APRIL 1977 TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS AND THOSE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS

OF APRIL 1978. BUT URQUHART EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE GOC UNDER THE PRESENT KYPRIANOU TACK WOULD WANT TO ENTER INTO SUCH A PROCESS.

6. NIMETZ TOLD URQUHART THAT OUR PROGNOSIS WAS NOT QUITE SO BLEAK, NOTING VARIOUS INDICATIONS THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING AT LEAST ABOUT VAROSHA. SIMILARLY, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE MORE RECEPTIVE
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TO LENDING ITS INFLUENCE. NIMETZ SAID THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE COULD ON VAROSHA OR ON OTHER PRACTICAL ASPECTS CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE WERE DUBIOUS WHETHER A NEW UNSC RESOLUTION WOULD LIKELY MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION AT THIS STAGE.

7. URQUHART THOUGHT THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT VAROSHA OFFER HAD SOME KINKS BUT BASICALLY WAS NOT BAD. THERE WERE AT LEAST SOME COMMON ELEMENTS IN THE GREEK CYPRIOT COUNTERPROPOSAL. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, URQUHART SAID HE THOUGHT THAT AT SOME STAGE SECGEN WALDHEIM MIGHT BE ABLE PUT FORWARD HIS OWN VAROSHA PROPOSAL. THE KEY ELEMENT WOULD INVOLVE APPLYING BUFFER ZONE PRINCIPLES TO VAROSHA AND THUS BENDING THE PRESENT AREA BETWEEN THE LINES TO ENCOMPASS NEW FAMAGUSTA (VAROSHA). THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN GALINDO-POHL TO TALK WITH BOTH SIDES ABOUT VAROSHA EARLIER IN THE WEEK CONTAINED SOME TENTATIVE IDEAS ON HOW THE TWO EXISTING PROPOSALS COULD BE MERGED TO DEVELOP A WORKABLE SCHEME WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT BUILD ON THE AVLONA 1976 PRECEDENT. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC SYG PROPOSAL, HOWEVER. URQUHART NOTED THAT KYPRIANOU SEEMED VERY NEGATIVE, BUT THE TURKISH SIDE IS ALSO CAUTIOUS ABOUT ANY MODIFICATIONS IN THE DENKTASH PROPOSAL. (TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL TOLD NIMETZ AUG. 4 THAT THERE WERE RUMORS IN CYPRUS THAT THE U.N. SECGEN WAS DEVELOPING HIS OWN VAROSHA PLAN; ESENBEL SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TURKISH SIDE.)

8. NIMETZ TOLD URQUHART WE WOULD WELCOME THE SECGEN MAKING A FURTHER EFFORT ON VAROSHA. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO SUPPORT IT. NIMETZ SAID HE WOULD ALSO DISCUSS VAROSHA NEXT STEPS IN GENERAL WITH ELEKDAG IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF AUG. 7. NIMETZ SUMMARIZED THAT CLEARLY THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD NOT BE AMENABLE TO FURTHER WORK ON VAROSHA UNLESS IT WAS SOME-
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HOW RELATED TO A RESUMED INTERCOMMUNAL DIALOGUE. SIMILARLY, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PERSUADE THE GOC TO PURSUE SUCH PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES AS VAROSHA RATHER THAN SIMPLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA. NIMETZ AND URQUHART AGREED TO CONTINUE TO KEEP IN TOUCH RE BOTH PARTICULAR MATTER OF VAROSHA AND OTHER MORE GENERAL ASPECTS OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. CHRISTOPHER

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